

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 893  
By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to commend James Ronald Sechrist for his honorable and astute service to the citizens of this State and Nation as founder of Sechrist Industries.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. James Ronald Sechrist is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the founder of Sechrist Industries, Mr. Sechrist has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, the first company to use electronic microprocessors in medical life support products, Sechrist Industries is currently a worldwide supplier of hyperbaric and respiratory equipment; its products are used in clinical settings in over 120 countries; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure with Sechrist Industries, Mr. Sechrist has played an integral part in the growth and success of this outstanding company, which currently dominates 80 per cent of the U.S. market; and

WHEREAS, the Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Division of Sechrist Industries is the leading manufacturer of the monoplace chambers used in hyperbaric oxygen therapy, a clinical treatment method which requires that the patient be entirely enclosed in a chamber and breathe oxygen at a pressure greater than one atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, leading the way in the manufacture of critical neonatal/infant/pediatric ventilators, monitoring equipment, low pressure gas mixers, and other related products, the Respiratory Products Division of Sechrist is one of the ventilator market front-runners, having clients in more than 100 countries and patenting such innovative products as SAVI and MILLENNIUM SMARTSYNC; and

WHEREAS, this health care equipment empire has corporate offices located in Anaheim, California and has expanded to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where a Regional Sales Office is currently located; and

WHEREAS, presently serving as Chairman of the Board, Mr. Sechrist has made numerous laudable contributions to patients all across the nation and world through his leadership and development of Sechrist Industries; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of his community and industry, Mr. Sechrist has served on many corporate boards and as a University Trustee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sechrist's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sechrist is a an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Sechrist is highly devoted to his family and is the proud father of J. Robert Sechrist, J. Richard Sechrist, J. Radford Sechrist, and J. Ronald Sechrist II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sechrist is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service and his endeavors have benefited the lives of countless people; and

WHEREAS, through the innovative development and operation of Sechrist Industries, James Ronald Sechrist has revolutionized the medical industry and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend James Ronald Sechrist for his honorable and astute service to the citizens of this State and Nation as founder and Chairman of the Board of Sechrist Industries, salute his unswerving commitment to improving health care throughout the United States, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

